

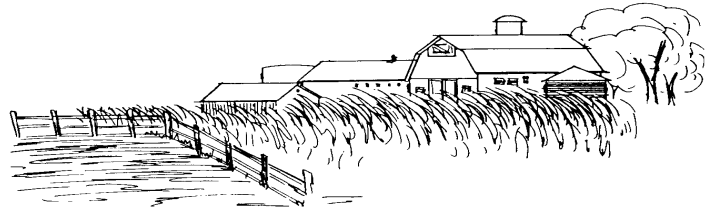


UTAH  
AGRICULTURAL  
STATISTICS  
SERVICE

# News Release

P.O. Box 25007  
Salt Lake City, UT 84125-0007  
801-524-5003  
Web Page: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ut/>  
E-Mail: [nass-ut@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-ut@nass.usda.gov)

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service



Release No: 12-05      Date: March 3, 2005

Contact: Richard Kestle, Director

## Utah Honey Production

**UTAH:** Utah's honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies was 1.6 million pounds. This was 13 percent above the total production for 2003. The total number of colonies, at 23,000, was down 2,000 from the previous year. The average yield per colony was 70 pounds compared with 57 pounds in 2003. Stocks of honey on hand December 15 totaled 531,000 pounds, 374,000 pounds more than 2003. The average price of \$1.04 per pound was down 24 cents from 2003 price. The 2004 honey crop is valued at \$1.7 million, down \$150,000 from 2003.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 184 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2003. There were 2.56 million colonies producing honey in 2004, down 2 percent from 2003. Yield per colony averaged 71.8 pounds, up 3 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2003. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 61.2 million pounds on December 15, 2004, up 50 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

### Honey Production, 2004 <sup>1</sup>

	Utah 2003	Utah 2004	United States 2003	United States 2004
No. Colonies (000)	25	23	2,599	2,556
Yield per Colony (Lbs)	57	70	70.0	71.8
Production (000 Lbs)	1,425	1,610	181,727	183,582
Stocks (000 Lbs) <sup>2</sup>	157	531	40,785	61,222
Avg. Price/Lb (dollars) <sup>3</sup>	1.28	1.04	1.387	1.085
Value Production (\$1,000)	1,824	1,674	253,106	201,790

<sup>1</sup>For producers with 5 or more colonies. <sup>2</sup>Stocks held by producers December 15, 2004 <sup>3</sup>Prices weighted by sales.